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B. DOD DIRECTIVE C-5030.43 OF 26 MARCH 1970

1. CONSIDER SUBJECT EXERCISE PROPOSED BY REFERENCE A TO BE A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EXERCISE PARA III D OF REFERENCE B.

2. WHILE THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO EXERCISE IN PRINCIPLE, FINAL CONCURRENCE CANNOT BE GRANTED UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DETAILS OF EXERCISE IS RECEIVED.

3. RECOMMEND SINGAPORE FORWARD TO JCS VIA CINCPAC, SPECIFIC DETAILS OF PROPOSED EXERCISE USING FORMAT IN PARA IV C.1 OF REFERENCE B AS GUIDANCE.

4. IN CONVEYING USG CONCURRENCE IN EXERCISE WHEN RECEIVED, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF GOS REQUEST. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH CONSIDER MENTIONING MATTER TO DR. GOH TO ENSURE GOS ON NOTICE AT CABINET LEVEL OF EXERCISE PLANS.

5. EMBASSY MAY ASSURE GOS WE WILL NOT PUBLICIZE JOINT EXERCISE. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, EVENT MAY BE REPORTED BY MEDIA. IF THIS HAPPENS, AND WE ARE SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED WHETHER EXERCISE TOOK PLACE, YOU SHOULD INFORM GOS THAT IN THAT CASE WE WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY.

6. IN KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR FIVE POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT (FPDA) AND SINCE PROPOSED EXERCISE WILL BE HELD IN FPDA AREA AND INVOLVE FPDA PARTNER, BELIEVE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO OTHER FPDA MEMBERS (INCLUDING MALAYSIA) DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ARE BOUND TO LEARN ABOUT IT ANYWAY. IDEALLY, NOTIFICATION TO FPDA PARTNERS SHOULD BE DONE BY GOS, BUT ASSUME THEY MAY BE RELUCTANT TO DO SO, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS MALAYSIA. IN DISCUSSING THIS POINT WITH GOS, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE QUITE WILLING TO TAKE CARE OF NOTIFYING FPDA POWERS OURSELVES.

7. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO MENTION IN LOW KEY TO INDONESIANS OUR PLAN CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ENGAGE IN JOINT EXERCISE WITH GOS. THIS CAN PROBABLY BEST BE DONE IN JAKARTA AND WE WILL LEAVE IT TO EMBASSY JAKARTA'S DISCRETION BEST MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS ONCE PLANS FOR EXERCISE COMPLETED. IF EMBASSY SINGAPORE CONCURS, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO INFORM GOS OF OUR INTENTION TO ALERT INDONESIA.

8. EXERCISE ITSELF SHOULD BE LOCATED WELL AWAY FROM

CLAIMED INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS,
INCLUDING AREA ENCOMPASSED BY BASELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER
INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO THEORY. COORDINATES OF POINTS OF
BASELINES OF INDONESIAN WATERS ARE CONTAINED IN OFFICE
OF THE GEOGRAPHER PUBLICATION INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
STUDY, SERIES A, LIMITS IN THE SEAS, NO. 35. MALAYSIA
CLAIMS 12 MILES. FYI WHILE WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE
INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO THEORY, WE WISH TO AVOID ANY
UNNECESSARY ACT THAT INDONESIANS MIGHT VIEW AS PROVOCATIVE
AT TIME WHEN THIS ISSUE SUBJECT OF DELICATE INTER-
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